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The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
2138 Rayburn House Building  
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The Honorable Jerry Nadler  
Ranking Member  
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2138 Rayburn House Building  
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Dear Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Nadler, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents over 750,000 federal and D.C. government workers across the country, I write to urge you to oppose the following legislation being considered for markup in the House Judiciary Committee this week.

Please oppose H.R. 277, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2023,” introduced by Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL). This bill would require Congress to approve any federal rule or regulation the Office of Management and Budget determines to have an economic impact of \$100 million or more according to before it is imposed on the American people.

Federal agencies should have delegated authority to ensure regulations keep the American public healthy and safe. Government regulations foster job growth and ensure that workplaces are healthy, safe, and accountable. Federal agencies, in conducting rulemaking, are simply implementing programs and regulatory systems that were already approved by Congress and signed into law. Involving Congress in the details of these processes will result in paralysis, the politicization of rulemaking, and poorer outcomes for the health, safety, and wellbeing of the American public.

Please oppose H.R. 357, the “Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act,” introduced by Representative Ben Kline (R-VA). This bill would require that any agency rule promulgated under notice and comment procedures must be issued and signed by an individual who was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. This bill would paralyze the functioning of agencies during periods when they have acting heads, and could further complicate and politicize the confirmation process for agency heads.

Unnecessary restrictions on government rulemaking will no doubt restrict the process and prevent the full force of oversight to ensure the American people have a strong and productive government supported by federal workers who are valued and respected.

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Sincerely,

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